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Dave Sutton accepts oath of office for fourth term as Coffee County Sheriff

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Dave Sutton accepted the oath of office Monday, Jan. 14, for his fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County during a ceremony held in New Brockton.

Administering the oath of office for Sutton was Judge Tom Head on his last official day as a 12th Judicial Circuit Judge.

Head's term in office officially expired at midnight Monday evening, and he said Monday that he could not think of a better way to end his judge's career than by presenting the oath of office to Sutton for his fourth term as the county's sheriff.

Judge Head entered retirement on Tuesday after 30+ years of service to Coffee County.

"I want to thank Judge Head for coming on his last official day [in office],

Sutton said, 'I can't think of a better person to administer my oath of office, and I am honored he is here.'

Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth opened the ceremony, and said the first sheriff of Coffee County was elected in 1843. He said after this term, only one sheriff would have spent more time in office serving as sheriff than Sheriff Sutton.

Whitworth said Sheriff H. D. Tillman served for six terms as sheriff while Sutton is entering his fourth term.

"When Sheriff Sutton took office 12 years ago, he had an agenda and he has stuck to that agenda," Whitworth said. "It has made the sheriff's department grow by leaps and bounds through training, equipment, jail size and so

on. Everything that has been done was done with his guidance and efforts."

Whitworth said the sheriff's department now has School Resource Officers in the county schools, courthouse security, ample personnel to handle situations and a K9 unit to help protect the citizens of the county.

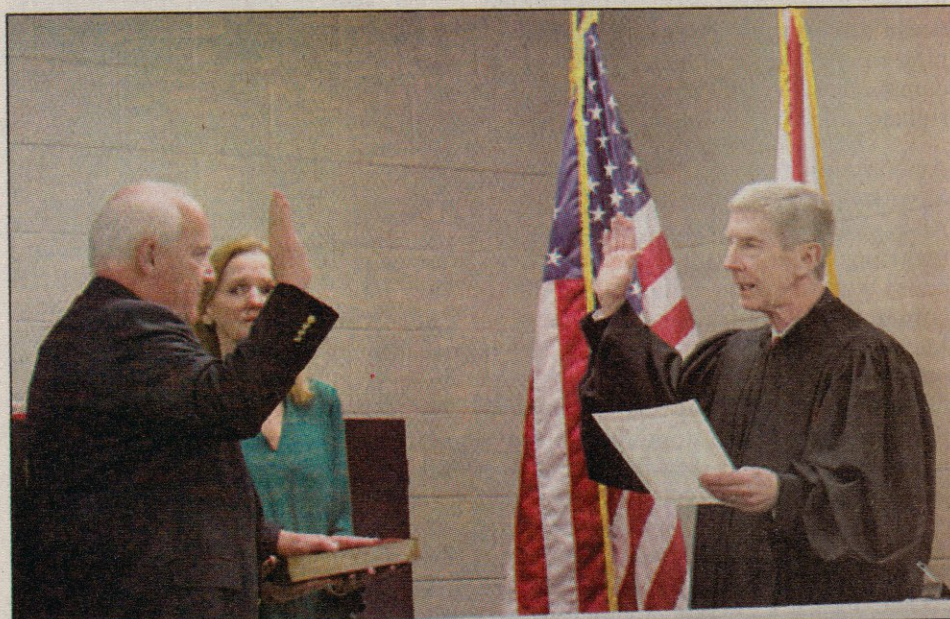
"Sheriff Sutton, in cooperation of all, has built a sheriff's department to be proud of with everyone working together," Whitworth said.

With that said, he turned the program over to Judge Head to administer the oath of office.

Head said when Sutton was first elected to office he only knew him by name, but that over the years he felt they had developed a friendship and acquaintance that had given him a lot of respect for Sutton.

"I appreciate you and what you do," Head said to Sutton. "My last official act will be administering your

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Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton, left, accepted the oath of office for his fourth term as Sheriff during a ceremony held Monday morning, Jan. 14, in New Brockton. Shown administering the oath is Judge Tom Head - this was the last official act in office for the retiring judge. Also pictured is Sutton's wife, Debbie, holding the Bible for Sutton to place his left hand while raising his right and accepting his oath.

A 1993 graduate of Elba High School

Dr. Grant G. Coleman receives U.S. Patent for "Isoglide" orthodontics device invention

by Linda Hodge, Editor

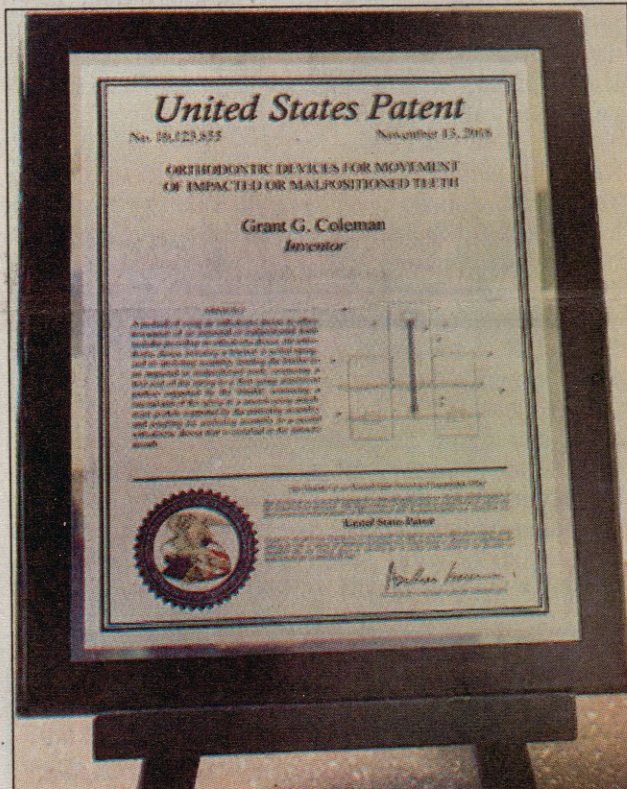
Hailing from Elba, Dr. Grant G. Coleman, D.M.D., M.S., officially received positive news in November of 2018 on a designation he had been seeking for five years.

On Nov. 13, 2018, Coleman was awarded a United States Patent for his invention of an orthodontic device for movement of impacted or malpositioned teeth. He named this device an Isoglide.

He said the prefix "iso" means "same" or "equal", and his Isoglide puts the same, gentle force on an impacted tooth as it "glides" it into the correct position.

A practicing orthodontist himself in North Carolina, Coleman said a very common problem in orthodontic treatment is the impaction of teeth, most commonly the canine in the upper jaw.

"This tooth sometimes simply fails to grow in properly and literally gets 'stuck' up in the jaw bone," he said. "To correct this, a surgical procedure has to be performed and an attachment has to be placed on



A copy of the U.S. Patent awarded to Dr. Grant G. Coleman [dated Nov. 13, 2018] is currently on display at his orthodontics practice in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Coleman grew up in Elba, Ala. and is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School.

the tooth to pull it down into place."

Coleman said the older traditional method of applying orthodontic force to surgically-exposed

impacted teeth typically involves putting traction on a gold chain glued to the

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Circuit Judge Tom Head administers the oath of office to incoming Circuit Judge Sonny Reagan as his children, Harper, left, and Jack proudly hold the Bible for their dad during the official ceremony.

Sonny Reagan sworn-in as 12th Judicial Circuit Judge for Coffee and Pike counties

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10, a large crowd of family, friends and elected officials filled a courtroom in the Enterprise Courthouse to witness the swearing in ceremony of new 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Sonny Reagan.

This 12th Judicial Circuit, covering Coffee and Pike counties, is managed by three judges, each rotating to the three court-houses within the circuit, Elba, Enterprise and Troy.

Attorney James Tarbox, president of the Coffee County Bar Association, began the official cere-

monies with a welcome to Reagan as he assumed his new position. Tarbox highlighted Reagan's reputation as a skilled attorney, a mentor, and a friend to many. He said he expected the new judge to take these skills and attributes with him as a judge.

Three former associates of Reagan during his tenure in Montgomery as an attorney with the Alabama Attorney General presented him a large photo of the AD office and wished him well.

Administering the Oath of Office was outgoing Circuit Judge Tom Head. The new Judge's two young children Harper and Jack proudly held the Bible used in the official ceremony.

Judge Reagan said last week that he would maintain the Elba office of now former Judge Tom Head as his main office.

Coffee County Family Services Center plans to host Fatherhood on Jan. 26th

Coffee County Family Services Center will hold a Fatherhood Event on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Enterprise Farmer's Market facility from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This event is being held to aid non-custodial parents (both men and women) in

their endeavor to be the best parent for their child or children.

Experts will be on hand to discuss various topics to include:

- "Your Legal Rights" - Rick Hollingsworth Jr./Attorney-at-Law

- Job Search Assistance - Chris Flowers/Alabama Career Center

- New Parenting Skills - Jackie Zayas/CCFSC Parenting Educator

- How to Communicate Successfully - Melissa Carpenter/Counselor Opp

City Schools Participants will enjoy a free lunch.

"Every parent should remember, one day your child will follow your example, not your advice," said fatherhood coordinator Rod Caldwell.



JUDGE TOM HEAD HONORED WITH RETIREMENT CEREMONY...Retiring Circuit Judge Tom Head, his wife, Chris (left), and daughter, Mary Katherine, listen intently and surely with pride as friends and associates heap praise on Head for the outstanding job he did throughout his judicial career. A retirement party was held last Friday, Jan. 11, at the Enterprise Civic Center before a large crowd of family and friends.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION will conduct Youth Baseball and Softball sign-up from Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th. Registration will be held at the Elba Recreation Department, located at 764 N. Claxton Ave., Elba. Documents required for registration included the child's birth certificate and completion of the registration form. The cost is \$35 for one child, \$60 for two children, and \$70 for three or more children per family. For more information, call (334) 897-6833.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

A GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located at 329 Putnam St., Elba, Ala. This workshop will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Ann S. Cooper, vice president of the River Region United Way of Montgomery will be teaching this free course. Learn how to look for grants and how to apply for grant funding. RSVP via text to (334) 790-9081 or call the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The smaller the mind the greater the conceit." – Aesop

Due to the federal shutdown Joshua Tree National Park employees are unable to police the land, which spans nearly 800,000 acres of Southern California. That has inspired some folks with nothing better to occupy their time to start chopping down some of the rare trees in the park. It probably makes these vandals feel like big wheels, but it actually shows how small their brains actually are. Well maybe not actually small in size but small in ability to think with reason. One California person speaking on the TV speculated they were trying to make room for off road vehicles to play around. That doesn't make sense because they left a stump standing high enough to overturn their toys and hurt them and/or damage the vehicle. Whatever the reason, it is short-sighted.

Authorities announced finding another tunnel along the Mexico/Arizona border. It is the third one in a month. Also, South Texas border officials report smugglers tunneling under installed border fences. None of this bodes well for those arguing for a multi-billion dollar border wall. There is a problem along our border with Mexico and has been for years. There is probably no one thing that will cure that issue but one we suggest for starters is speed up the immigration courts. For years there have been stories of people trying to get citizenship legally and they face mountains of red tape, long waits and many dollars of expense. One example of the problems these long wait times create is of the young lady, here legally but stalled in the waiting line for citizenship, who could not return to Mexico for her mother's funeral for fear of being denied reentry when the funeral services were over. Her American mother-in-law went on her behalf – but it surely was not the same. It could also have been avoided with speedier proceedings.

Sonny Reagan was sworn in Thursday for a full term as Circuit Judge. Friday morning the news headlines were about him stepping into the issue of a star Charles Henderson [Troy] High School basketball player being banned by the athletic association because of a rules violation. Now that is a way to get your name heard around the state and to a lesser degree around the nation. Actually, all that has transpired thus far is she is legally playing with her high school team pending a full hearing before Judge Reagan.

Reagan is in the position due to the retirement of Judge Tom Head, who was caught by the rule that would not let him run for reelection after reaching the age of 70. Now, in our opinion, Tom Head is a prime example of that rule being shortsighted. His years of experience, quality decisions from the bench, etc., are too valuable for society to lose. Of course we have said the same about experienced school teachers retiring after 25 years of teaching – our children need their experience in the classroom. There always are some who cause a celebration when they retire, but those teachers probably should never have been allowed to get tenure in the beginning. Voters can get rid of bad judges but a teacher with tenure is fairly secure just by showing up and keeping a low key profile.

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~ Are Our Highways Less Safe? ~

Guest Editorial by Daniel Sutter, Troy University

Highway fatalities have increased from under 33,000 in 2014 to 37,461 in 2016, before declining slightly in 2017. Many have speculated whether drivers distracted by smart phones have caused this increase. Before further restricting driving, we should examine the problem.

The recent increase in fatalities is unsettling because driving has become safer over time. Fifty years ago, over 50,000 Americans died annually on the highways; the worst year was 1972 with 54,589 deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Vehicle miles driven have increased dramatically as the death toll has fallen. Indeed, fatalities per mile driven have fallen by 80 percent since 1966. If we still had 1966's fatality rate with today's 3.2 trillion miles driven, we would have had 176,000 highway deaths in 2017.

Has driving truly become more deadly since 2014? The increase in fatalities might seem to answer this in the affirmative, but real world data never lies exactly on a smooth curve. Could the recent increases in fatalities just be random variation?

The two largest year-to-year percentage increases in highway fatalities were in 2015 and 2016, a total 14 percent increase. And yet multi-year fatality increases have occurred since 1966, including four consecutive years in the late 1970s and five consecutive years in the 1990s. The 1970's fatalities increase was 15 percent. The recent increase in fatalities is not entirely unprecedented.

Thankfully, a very small percentage of accidents

produce fatalities. If roads are more dangerous, we should also see increases in injuries and accidents. NHTSA injury totals go back only to 1988 and are much less accurate than fatalities data. Still, reported injuries increased 34 percent, or 800,000, between 2014 and 2016, including a 28 percent increase in 2016. The largest previous one-year increase in injuries was only 6.5 percent. Reliable nationwide totals on accidents are not available.

Not all states have seen fatality increases. In Alabama fatalities rose 26 percent between 2014 and 2016. Rhode Island had a 63 percent increase in fatalities, and eight other states saw increases of 30 percent or more. Yet fatalities declined in three states and increased less than 5 percent in four more. Are cell phones more distracting in some states than others?

Substantial differences in fatality rates exist across states. Between 2014 and 2017, South Carolina's rate was more than two and a half times higher than Massachusetts'. Factors like rural vs. urban driving, highway type, and speed limits explain much of this variation, but making driving in all states as safe as in the safest states could save thousands of lives annually.

The NHTSA also reports fatalities by vehicle type, which have increased by 12 and 13 percent for cars and light trucks. Motorcyclists and bicyclists (15 percent each) and pedestrians (22 percent) saw larger increases, even though drivers of cars and trucks seem more likely to be distracted by cell phones. The fatality increases for cyclists and pedestrians suggest another cause, or may combine drivers' distractions and these individuals' vulnerability.

Cell phone use and texting have been around longer than we perhaps remember; Washington state banned texting and driving in 2007. According to NHTSA statistics, drivers' cell phone use has fallen over the past decade, and fatalities fell 20 percent nationally between 2007 and 2014. New phones provide more ways to distract drivers, but why did cell phones start increasing fatalities only in 2015?

Many scholars from different disciplines study highway safety, including yours truly. To date, published research has not really addressed the recent jump in fatalities. World events drive academic research, so research should soon start offering concrete insights.

Highway fatalities continue to impose a heavy toll

on the U.S. Even though the fatality rate has fallen 80 percent since 1966, the modest increase in fatalities since 2014 should concern citizens and experts. Fortunately fatalities fell 3 percent during the first half of 2018. Perhaps the increase from 2014 to 2016 was only a pause in the long-term improvement in highway safety.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 7, investigated the following incidents: one harassment, three for theft of property, one criminal mischief, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one harassing communications, one shoplifting, and one driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: three for driving under the influence and two arrests on outstanding warrants. There were 19 traffic citations and 11 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Jan. 7th – Jan. 13th.

MONDAY, JAN. 7 – Officers made a traffic stop on Hwy 84 near National Security and arrested driver of vehicle for driving under the influence (1:07 a.m.); Report of a two-vehicle wreck on Hwy 203 near the

travel center with no injuries or road blockage (8:55 a.m.); Report of a subject threatening to beat another subject – officers sat with complainant for a bit but she did not want to file a report (8:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 8 – Elba officers assisted Coffee County Deputies with a high speed chase in the area of Taylor Mill Road – subject fled from vehicle on foot – the vehicle recovered was discovered to be reported stolen from Elba (8:23 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle on E Davis St – it was discovered to be a medical issue – EMS assisted the individual and then made transport to a local hospital (10:52 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 – Officers responded to Collier St to meet with a complainant in reference to trespassing by homeless people staying under the old Head Start building – several backpacks were found and a report was filed (2:02 p.m.); Report of theft of property at a rental property on Dr. Roberts Dr (2:06 p.m.); Officers responded to Beaver Dam St to meet a complainant in reference to an alleged assault that occurred earlier at Harris Temple Church – officer were unable to locate the complainant (8:13 p.m.); Officers made a traffic stop on Hwy 189 S

near County Rd 409 – a male subject was arrested for driving under the influence (11:02 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 10 – Officers were out with city personnel in reference to homeless people in a tent on the levee (3:01 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 11 – Unwanted guest reported on Powell Circle – upon arrival officers discovered that the subject lived at the residence (12:36 a.m.); Criminal mischief (tired cut) reported at Beaver Dam Apts (7:02 a.m.); Haynes Ambulance requested assistance on Plant Ave in reference to an eye injury from a tree (10:53 a.m.); Possible shoplifter reported at the Inland store (2:08 p.m.); Officer responded to a call on Taylor Mill Rd regarding a subject threatening the caller (3:48 p.m.); Officer responded to the report of possible drug activity at Tiger Town Park (4:24 p.m.); Officers responded to report of possible intoxicated male harassing customers at the Travel Center (11:05 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 12 – Report of two subjects arguing behind a business on N Claxton Ave (12:36 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 13 – Received a report from State Troopers of possible drunk driver on Hwy 84 near County Rd 501 – vehicle was occupied by two females and following sobriety test the driver was arrested for driving under the influence and passenger was transported to police department to wait for a ride (3:53 a.m.); Report of two vehicle wreck on Hwy 84 near County Rd. 263 with partial road blockage and injury (8:39 a.m.); Possible domestic dispute reported on Trammell St (11:12 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported on Dr. Roberts Dr (5:12 p.m.).

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State awards City of Elba over \$150,000 in grant funds for recreation improvements

Governor Ivey recently awarded \$1.5 million to several Alabama communities, including two in the Wiregrass.

The city of Elba is one of those to receive funds to enhance facilities used for recreation purposes.

\$159,850 is the total amount granted to the City of Elba through ADECA's Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"The grant will be used for funding at Hawkins-Williams Park which is a LWCF facility, sponsored by the National Parks Service," said Greg Hanchey, Elba Parks director.

"Hawkins-Williams is in need of updating," said Tom Maddox, councilman and business owner.

Many in the community are involved in the city's rec activities at the park.

"A lot of people go there to play ball," Maddox said. "There is an archery range and a lot of people take

advantage of that."

The grant will be used for the park's updates and renovations.

"Raising the backstops, updating the bathrooms, and making everything ADA compliant as far as the ballparks are concerned," Hanchey said.

The funds will also be used to construct a new playground.

The grant allows these communities to provide quality recreation to all age groups.

"If you go to one of the games, you'll see a lot of people in the stands," Maddox said. "It's a good way for the community to get together. It affects the lives of a lot of our young people."

Under the LWCF Program, communities are required to equally match the amount of the award, meaning the city now has over \$300,000 to be used to improve recreation.

Coffee County Extension set to host Estate Planning workshop

Statistics show over half of the adult population in the U.S. does not have a Will?

What happens to one's stuff if he/she does not have a Will upon death?

An estate plan is more than just a Will. One should have an Advance Directive for Health Care to make wishes known and to appoint someone to speak him/her during medical emergency. One should also have a Durable Power of Attorney to appoint someone to manage his/her financial affairs while he/she is living but not able to do so because of a medical condition.

One should have a plan for the distribution of assets upon demise. The plan could be in a Will or a Trust. A Will distributes assets shortly after death. A Trust generally is used to

distribute assets over a number of years after death, e.g. income to children, and protect the assets from children's creditors or to hold assets, such as land, to prevent the sale or partition of that land.

The Coffee County Extension office is offering a program Tuesday, Feb. 5, on estate planning at the community room at the Coffee County complex, located at 1055 E. McKinnon St. in New Brockton, Ala. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no charge for the program, but space is limited so registration is required by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

The material will be presented by Robert Tufts who is a tax attorney and retired professor from Auburn University.

Coffee County Arts Alliance event to be Thursday, Jan. 17

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Ensemble Mélange in concert Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center in Enterprise, Ala.

"You choose. They play." Mélange is a joyful modern day ensemble that is changing the rules of performance. Unique to their performance is the manner in which the program is

selected. The audience is invited to select the works to be performed by choosing from a menu of over 30 works derived from different styles. Genres vary from Classical, Baroque, Romantic, Jazz, Latin, Americana and Broadway.

The result is a one-of-a-kind, high energy concert. It is a concert that is fun for audience members of every age and walk of life; bring the kids, bring Grandma! Hear a variety of tunes, some of which one may discover for the first time.

Selections include "Piano Sonata No. 24", "Take My Hand, Precious Lord", "Sophisticated Lady", "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", "Cabaret", "So In Love", "Candide Overture", "Mexican Serenade" and "Far From the Home I Love".

This performance is a presentation of Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health. The 2018-2019 season is dedicated to the memory of Edwin L. and Elizabeth L. Skelton.

For information, call 334.406.2787 or visit the web at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com

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Obituaries

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JOEL KIMMEY INMAN
Mr. Joel Kimmey Inman, age 70, of Alabaster, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died



Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, after a lengthy illness.

Joel was born May 22, 1948 to L o u i s Frederick Inman and Emma Margaret Cooper Inman of Elba. He was educated in the Elba public schools and at Samford University, where he was a member of the football team. He later obtained Master's and Doctorate degrees.

Joel's passion was young people and he became renown as a gymnastics coach in the Birmingham area. Over the many years of his career he was a positive influence on the lives of hundreds of young gymnasts.

A memorial service for Joel will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, at noon, at Reid Chapel on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Joel's memory to Elba United Methodist Church, 503 Davis St., Elba, AL 36323.

Survivors include his sister: Elizabeth Watson, Enterprise, Ala.; brothers: David Inman, Bessemer, Ala., and Robert Inman, Conover, N.C.; along with several nieces and nephews.

MARCUS DWAIN NOLIN

Mr. Marcus Dwain Nolin, age 79, of New Brockton, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

D w a i n was born July 14, 1939 in C o f f e e County, Ala. He served in the National Guard as well as active duty for one year.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home in Enterprise with Pastor Greg Cotter officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

The family requested that donations in memory of Mr. Nolin be made to: Bethany Baptist Church Building Fund, 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, AL 36351.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jamie

Eugene Nolin and Jessie Hines Nolin; brother, James Nolin; and two sisters, Glenna Austin and Jewel Oliver.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years: Willene Nolin; two sons: Keith Nolin (Cathy), New Brockton, Kenneth Nolin (Samantha), Elba; two sisters: Alice Schwartz, Helen, Ga., Jean Calhoun, Elba; three grandchildren: Millicent, Cameron, and Caitlyn; along with numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

LANOLA MELLERT

Mrs. LaNola Mellert, age 82, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, in Montgomery, Ala. She was a native of Elba, Ala.

A visitation for LaNola was held Thursday, Jan. 10, at Leak Memory Chapel. The funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 11, at First Southern Baptist Church, Hope Hull, Ala. Burial followed at Forest Hills Cemetery. Donations may be made to First Southern Baptist Church in Hope Hull in memory of Wilson and Swanee Bragg.

LaNola was preceded in death by her father, George Wilson Bragg, and her mother, Swanee Kelley Bragg. Survivors include her daughters: Tuesday Kelley Mellert Bigelow (Brett), Kristie Karl Mellert Frerich (John), Kimberly Edwards-Close (Brandon), Krystal Ann Mellert Benton; and grandchildren: Kirstie Meighan Kelley Frego (Caleb) and Wilson Bryant Edwards.

HARRY RICHARD SMITH

Mr. Harry Richard Smith (SFC, US Army, Retired), age 72, a resident of

Buffalo, South Carolina, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at Valley Nursing

Center & Rehab in Taylorsville, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Friday, Jan. 18, beginning at 2 p.m., with Rev. Dewey Emfinger officiating. Burial services will follow in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery where full military honors will be rendered. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Visitation will be at Mt.

Gilead Baptist Church on Friday from 1-2 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to a charity of one's choice in memory of Harry.

Survivors include his wife: Phyllis Ann Smith, Buffalo, SC; son: Jimmy Smith; daughter: Becky Tatum; a brother: Carl Hayes; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

JAMES JOHNSON

Mr. James (Jimmy) Johnson died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

He was born Nov. 20, 1936 in Clio, Ala. to the late Curlie and Janie Johnson.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons: Junior, Darren, and Willie; and siblings: Oree Johnson, Joyce L. Wilder, Eugene Johnson, Lunnie C. Johnson, Jack Johnson, Ollie Mae Beaty, and Annie Merle Blackmon.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years: Margaret Newman Johnson, Enterprise; three sons: Dennis Johnson, Enterprise, Bobby Johnson, Montgomery, Ala., Mark Johnson, Geneva, Ala.; three daughters: Jenny Johnson (Randolph Engram), Geneva, Samantha Johnson and Jessica Johnson, both of Enterprise; four brothers: Jerry Maynor, Willie Maynor, Leroy Maynor of Newton, Ala., and Mackie Maynor, Dallas Texas; three sisters: Jewel (Jack) Smith, Enterprise, Nellie Johnson, Ozark, Ala., Vernell (Eugene) Johnson; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchild-

dren, nephews, nieces and friends.

GARY L. CRAIG

Mr. Gary L. Craig, age 52, of Opp, Ala., died recently at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant set for March 2nd

The 2019 Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant will be held Saturday, March 2, (3:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.) at the Opp High School auditorium.

This pageant is open to girls ages 6-21. Divisions will be: Tiny Miss Opp Rodeo (6-8); Little Miss Opp Rodeo (9-11); Junior Miss Opp Rodeo (12-14); Teen Miss Opp Rodeo (15-17); and Miss Opp Rodeo (18-21).

Deadline to enter is Feb. 20th.

Contact Kelly Brandin at the Opp Chamber for more information: (334) 493-3070 or visit (online) opprattlesnakerodeo.com

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Melissa Martin Smith and James Douglas Martin Sr.

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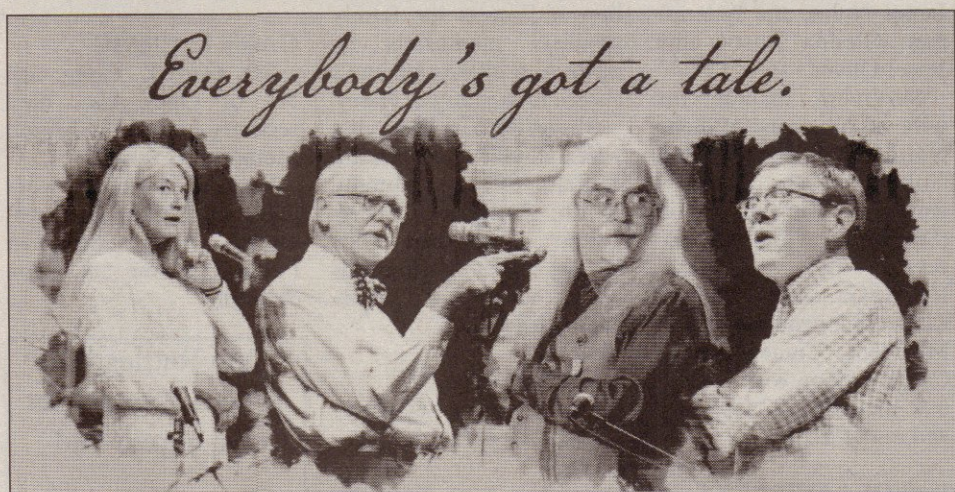
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LIFESTYLES



The 2019 Pike Piddler's Storytelling Festival will be Friday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 26th in Pike County. This year's storytelling event will feature Donald Davis, Sheila Kay Adams, Michael Reno Harrell, and Kevin Kling. The opening night will be held at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge while the Saturday shows will be at the Trojan Center Theater on the Troy University campus in Troy.

Storytelling event coming to Pike County in late January

The 2019 Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival will celebrate Alabama's bicentennial year by welcoming to the stage two nationally acclaimed storytellers who are the foundation of the annual Pike County storytelling festival.

Sheila Kay Adams and Donald Davis will take center stage with popular tellers Kevin Kling and Michael Reo Harrell on Friday, Jan. 25, at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge and on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University.

Adams and Davis helped sow the seeds for the weekend festival and have continued to be a part of the festival and other storytelling events at the We Piddle Around Theater.

Adams is a seventh-generation ballad singer, clawhammer banjo player, award-winning author and master storyteller. She has been recognized for her contributions to the study of North Carolina folk traditions. She is has received the North Carolina Heritage Award and the NEA's National Heritage Fellowship, the highest award given to traditional

artist.

Donald Davis is the dean of storytelling. When storytelling patrons think of storytelling, they think of Donald Davis."

A writer for the New York Times wrote of Davis, "I could have listened all morning. His stories often left listeners limp with laughter at the same time they struggled with a lump in the throat."

Kevin Kling is not only an amazing storyteller, he is an amazing person. He has not let a birth defect that affected his left arm and a motorcycle accident the paralyzed his right arm slow him down. His stories are both hilarious and tender. He is a favorite among storytellers and audiences.

Michael Reno Harrell is a hilariously funny man who tells his stories and then sings them. Harrell is a storyteller, a singer, songwriter and musician.

Tickets for the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival are available by calling 334-685-5525 or 670-6302. Tickets for the Friday night performance at the We Piddle Around Theater are \$25. Seating is limited. Tickets for the Saturday, Jan. 26 storytelling concerts at the

Trojan Center are \$10 (10 a.m.) \$15 (2 p.m.) and \$10 (6:30) and all-day (\$30).

All tellers will be at each concert and different stories will be told.

DAV Chapter 99 meeting set for Jan. 24

The January 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

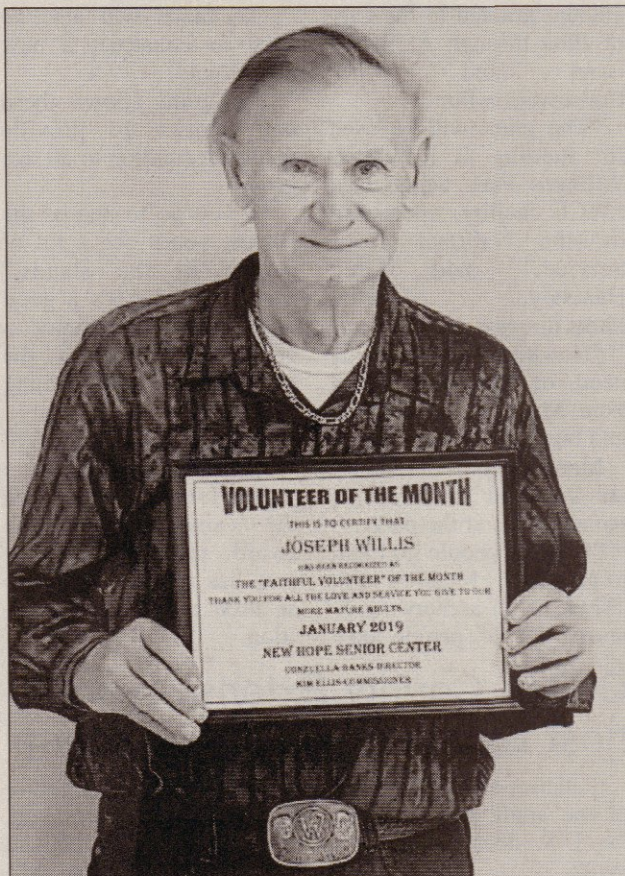
Annual Black History Banquet planned for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Enterprise Civic Center

Club Yesepoch Inc. announces it is immersed in the planning stages of the 21st Annual Community-Wide Black History Banquet scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

Tickets can be purchased from any club member for \$25 each. Proceeds received in support of this event will be utilized for the advancement of the community.

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to club president Marilyn Yelverton at 917-847-5069 or reporter Michelle Goosby at 334-406-9895. Club Yesepoch Inc. is a non-profitable, charitable organization composed of Black Women in the city of Enterprise.

NEW HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER "VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH"



The New Hope Senior Citizens Center "Volunteer of the Month" for January is Joseph Willis. He is 70-years-young and has been a member of the New Hope Senior Center for six months. Mr. Willis is a member of Tennille Church. He served the United States in the Navy. His hobbies include fishing, camping, gardening, and crafts. Mr. Willis wanted everyone to know that "he is an old sailor that has gone country!" Congratulations on being selected for this honor!

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association meeting set for Jan. 18 in New Brockton

The Coffee County Cattlemen's Association will hold its annual meeting and steak supper Friday, Jan. 18, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. The meeting is open to all renewed or non-renewed members.

The cost of membership in the Coffee County Cattlemen's association is \$50 for one year or \$120 for three years, and can be paid at the door. The \$50 membership dues include the annual steak supper, a year-long subscription to *Alabama Cattlemen* magazine, discounts at various businesses, programs available to youth, and much

more. The annual meeting will begin with pickin' and grin-in' at 5 p.m. followed by supper at 5:30 and the annual meeting and cake auction immediately thereafter.

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association President Junior Stephens invites all renewed and non-renewed Coffee County Cattlemen Association members to the annual meeting.

For more information on the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, contact a local Coffee County Cattlemen member, or visit www.bamabeef.org.

University of Alabama student Maddie Johnson to participate in Cooperative Education Program

University of Alabama student Madeline Johnson of Elba, Ala. will participate in UA's Cooperative Education Program for spring 2019.

Johnson will be working at Intuitive Research & Technology.

In the Cooperative Education Program, more than 230 students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment. This program offers work related to the academic major or career interests of each student.

While in school, students carry regular course sched-

ules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work. At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition to valuable job experience. Participants maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration status each semester through graduation.

LIFESTYLES
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COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT ELBA ROTARY MEETING...Members of the Elba Rotary Club received an update Tuesday, Jan. 8, from Coffee County EMA director James Brown at its weekly meeting. Brown (on the right) is pictured with Rotarian Jim Gilmer, who was in charge of the program.

American Red Cross issues emergency call for blood donors

A donation shortfall over the winter holidays is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call for blood donors to prevent a blood shortage from continuing throughout winter and affecting patient care.

The Red Cross collected more than 27,000 fewer blood and platelet donations the weeks of Christmas and New Year's than needed to sustain a sufficient blood supply.

"Many people may not realize that blood products are perishable, and the only source of lifesaving blood for patients is volunteer blood donors," said Cliff Numark, senior vice presi-

dent, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "When donations decline – as they did around the holidays and may further decline if severe winter weather and flu season pick up – lifesaving medical treatments could be delayed."

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of most blood types on hand, well below the ideal five-day supply needed to respond to emergencies and daily hospital needs. Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

Some upcoming blood donation opportunities [Jan. 14-Feb. 15] for the

local area include:

Pike County: Troy
1/18/2019: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 213 N 3 Notch Street,
2/6/2019: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Troy University Trojan Center, 233 Trojan Center

Coffee County: New Brockton
2/13/2019: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler Street, PO Box 429

Covington County: Andalusia
2/15/2019: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Straughn High School, 29448 Straughn School Road

How to donate blood

Simply download the , visit or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at or use the Blood Donor App.

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When I was a high school senior (yes...many years ago), one of my friends visited Georgia Tech as a prospective student. When he came back to school, he told me and other friends about playing a card game on a computer. We were in awe.

Now, I sit at home writing this article on a little keyboard. In a few minutes, I will hit "send", and it will amazingly be received by the Clipper. My calendar, to do list, several versions of the Bible, and much more are found on a phone that I keep in my pocket.

Things have definitely changed!

Well, not everything. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." It's not that Jesus is stubborn, or resistant to change - He just doesn't have to. He doesn't have to react or respond to fads, trends, styles, etc. He is always relevant, always approachable, always caring. His unchangeable nature also means that He is trustworthy. He doesn't change His mind or His nature. We can trust Him to be consistent, to always be the same.

Have you wandered from Him? If so, you can return. He's still there. He hasn't changed at all. He's still the same loving, forgiving, merciful God that he was before. Times change, people change, technology changes. God never has, and never will.

Local students named to Chancellor's List at Troy University for Fall Semester

**** Editor's Note: Troy University released a corrected version of this article this week after realizing some students' names were left off in the original press release.**

Troy University released names this week of students who had been named to the Chancellor's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2018/2019 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. Local residents who

made the list include:

From Elba, Ala. - Megan Coleman, Alexander Beerenstrauch, Tiffani McCulloch, Joshua Simmons, Rosanna Thrash and Sarah Weeks;

From Jack, Ala. - Marisa Wambles;

From New Brockton, Ala. - Katie Kelley, Mason Dubose, and Macy McIntosh; and

From Kinston, Ala. - Cassidy Branch.

AA~NA MEETING

sponsored by the Elba Ministerial Association is held each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ, located at 715 N. Troy Hwy., Elba. Get free coffee & support. For more information, call 334-494-3353 or 334-897-2057.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Program set for Jan. 19th in Elba

The Mulberry District Association's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration program will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Mulberry District Association building, located on Hwy. 84 W in Elba, beginning at 4 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr.,

pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala. Special music will be provided by the Union Grove Male Chorus.

The public and local church congregations are invited to come and share in this celebration.

Harris Temple COGIC set to sponsor 2019 youth conference in late January

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will be sponsoring the A.C.T.S. 2019 Youth conference from January 24th through the 26th.

The theme of this event is 'Young, Anointed and Focused'.

Speakers include: Elder Sheree Hardrick on Thursday night at 7 p.m.;

Pastor Charlie Smith Jr. will be the speaker on Friday night also at 7 p.m.; Saturday night at 6 p.m. will be Elder Rodrick Caldwell Appreciation Service. Senior Pastor Superintendent W. K. Ellison is the host pastor.

The church is located at 747 Adams Ave, Elba

NBC News social media head set to speak at Troy University in February

Micah Grimes, a Troy University graduate who is head of social media for NBC News and MSNBC, will speak at the Troy Campus on Feb. 18 about how journalists can succeed using social media.

"Journalism, Social Media and Business: How to Excel in a Volatile Time for News" will be his topic for the annual symposium sponsored by the Hall School of Journalism and Communication.

The public is invited to the symposium, which will take place at 10 a.m. in the ballrooms of the Trojan Center on the main cam-

pus in Troy. Admission is free.

Based in New York City, Grimes oversees NBC News and MSNBC social efforts with a total of more than 25 million followers across 50-plus social media accounts for dozens of brands and sub-brands, including broadcast and cable TV shows and digital media.

The Feb. 18 event is the university's M. Stanton Evans Symposium on Money, Politics and the Media. More information is available from Stewart at sstewart71298@troy.edu or 334-672-3192.

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Scripture: Praising the Lord in His house at night. Psalm 134: 1-3

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December and January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Derrick Hooks 12/31
Pastor A.R. and Sister Bessie Williams 12/31 (W.A.)

Trina Flowers 1/1

Inez Middleton 1/1 (in memory)

Lillie Anderson Ward 1/1 (in memory)

Melissa Kelley Hutchinson 1/2

Alice Dozier 1/3

Phillip N. Faison 1/3

Lasalle Cooks 1/3

Jeff and Audrey W. Bennett 1/4 (W.A.)

Martha Gilford 1/7

** The Mulberry Baptist Association Adjourned Session

will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Mulberry Educational Building in Elba, Ala. The theme is "Forward onward and upward in Christ Jesus through leadership and fel-

lowship" Exodus 3: 7-12; 2 Samuel 5: 1-5; Acts 20: 25-31; John 19: 28-30; and Exodus 25. The moderator will be Dr. W.L. Peterson.

**** The 29th Annual Church Anniversary for Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance** will be Sunday, Jan. 27, in Andalusia, Ala. beginning at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Elder Willie Earl Williams Jr. and New Hope Ministries of Crestview, Fla. Lunch will be served immediately after the morning service. Come and expect a great time in the Lord.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/17/19

Q: In Jesus' Parable, Peter seemed to think that a person would be gracious in forgiving someone how many times? And what was Jesus' response?

A: Peter wondered if we should be willing to forgive someone up to seven times; but Jesus suggested 70 times seven. [read Matthew 18: 21&22]

Thought to Remember

Whosoever Will - Come!

Question for the Week of 1/24/19

Q: Where is God's will completely followed?

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Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Remonia Smith Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EATON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Michael Woodham, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH. Overseers - Bro Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH Olan Strickland-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor. Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Shane Thompson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser - Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor - Lee Jones Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. Rev. James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Donald Mills Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS/NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

IN RE: The Estate of Mozelle Prescott
Deceased

Case No: PC 2018-088

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Robert D. Johnson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mozelle Prescott, deceased on the 1st day of November, 2018, by the Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Robert D. Johnson
Robert D. Johnson,
Personal Representative for the Estate of Mozelle Prescott,
deceased
1/3-10-17/pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION
RE: In the matter of: ROY DALE BRADBERRY,
Alleged to be incapacitated person

CASE NO PC 2018-090

NOTICE OF HEARING

On the petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship of ROY DALE BRADBERRY an alleged incapacitated person, filed by Shirl Spinks, TAKE NOTICE that a hearing has been set for the 29th day of January, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama.
Done this the 18th day of December, 2018.

/s/Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair
Probate Judge
1-3,10,17-pd

IN THE MATTER OF BEVERLY BERRY, deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC2018-082

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to JEAN SPURLIN on the 3rd day of January, 2019 by the Honorable Judge Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 3rd day of January, 2019.
/s/ Steven E. Blair
Probate Judge
1/10, 17&24-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
(Elba Division)

CASE NO: PC 208-77

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EARLY SANDERS, Deceased.

NOTICE
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Rita Davis, Administrator on the 7th day of January, 2019, by The Honorable Steven Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Steven Blair
Judge of Probate

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1/10,17,24-pd

Registration for Spring BOW workshop open

Registration for the next Alabama Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop opened Wednesday, Jan. 9, for first-time attendees and Tuesday, Jan. 15, for both first-timers and those who have previously attended.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) sponsored event takes place at the 4-H Center near Columbiana, Ala., on March 1-3, 2019.

New for 2019, purchase an Alabama resident hunting, fishing or wildlife heritage license and receive a \$25 discount on your BOW registration. The discount is for online registration only. To receive the discount, enter your current license number when registering for spring BOW. You must purchase a license prior to BOW registration to receive the discount.

Nonresidents can also receive the discount with the purchase of a Wildlife Management Area license or any nonresident license.

BOW is a three-day workshop designed for women ages 18 years or older who would like to

learn new outdoor skills. The workshop offers hands-on instruction in a fun, outdoor learning environment. Participants choose from courses such as rifle, pistol, archery, fishing, camping, hiking, canoeing, mountain biking, and many more.

BOW coordinator Hope Grier said the classes offer basic outdoor skills training.

"There are many ladies who have not been exposed to these outdoor activities and are apprehensive about trying them," she said. "BOW is ideal for those women because everything is taught at a beginner level."

The registration fee of \$275 covers meals, dormitory-style lodging, program materials and instruction. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register as soon as possible because enrollment is limited and classes fill up fast.

The purchase of a hunting, fishing or wildlife heritage license not only provides you with a discount on BOW registration, that money is federally matched nearly three-to-one through Pittman-Robertson Act and

Sport Fish Restoration Act funding. Those funds are then used to support conservation efforts in Alabama such as the operation and maintenance of the state's Wildlife Management Area system and State Public Fishing Lakes, providing technical assistance to landowners for the improvement of freshwater fish and wildlife habitats and populations, operation of the state's Nongame Wildlife Program, providing conservation law enforcement, and much more.

For more information on the BOW workshop including the class schedule, visit www.outdooralabama.com/activities/becoming-outdoors-woman or call Hope Grier at 334-242-3620.

To view photos of past BOW workshops, visit Outdoor Alabama's Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/outdooralabama/ albums/72157629421999224.

Alabama hunting, fishing or wildlife heritage licenses are available at various retailers throughout the state or online at <https://www.alabamainteractive.org/dcnr>.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

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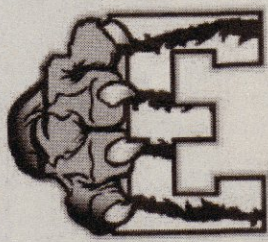
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Miss Elbala pageant set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Elba High School auditorium

The Miss Elbala Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m., at the EHS auditorium. This pageant is for girls in grades Pre-k through 12th in five different categories. Cost is \$25 to participate. The deadline to apply Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019. Alyssa Kyles, Miss Elbala 2018 and Miss Elba 2018-2019, will emcee for the evening.



2018 Miss Elbala and reigning Miss Elba, Alyssa Kyles, will emcee the 2019 Miss Elbala Pageant set for Saturday evening, Feb. 2nd.

Coffee County Honor Band to include several Elba High School students

Just before Christmas, the Coffee County Honor Band announced its selections. Many familiar Elba faces were on the list. The following Elba students were selected for honor band this year: Abby Wilson, Michaela Moseley, Adalyn O'Neal, Aimee Senn, Callie Pope, Zalie McKelvy, Praise Edwards, Bradley Chapman, Jamal Silar, Elizabeth Woodham, Tiffany Campbell, Christopher Gasca, Tykell Tyson, Jamie Clark, Rebecca Woodham, Maggie Hammonds, and Ethan Pope. The Coffee County Honor Band will come together next week at Elba High School, and the clinic will conclude with a concert on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24th.

Football players earn all-state nods

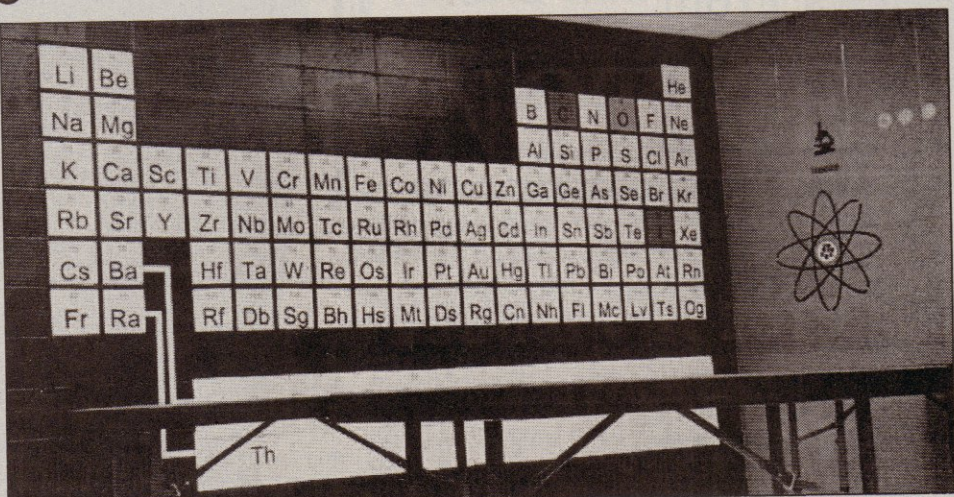
High school football season may be over, but for four Elba High School players it just gets sweeter. Sophomore Bradley Adkins, Junior Dezmon Roberson, and Seniors Richmon Singletary and Alex Wright earned All-State honors from the Alabama Sports Writers Association. Each of these players were also nominated as players of the week, and Singletary was also named Dothan Eagle's Player of the Year.

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New junior high at EHS science lab comes together

written by Phillip Smith,
Science Teacher

When I interviewed with Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes, the main question I had was whether or not the junior high science students had a dedicated lab to work in, separate from the classroom. He said no. I told him if he would promise to find a room then I would remodel it into a science lab without requesting any money from the school, but fund it all through grants I would write. Mr. Grimes kept his promise, and since August I have been writing grants to Lowes, Home Depot, Donors Choose, and the Ft.



The entire periodic table is painted on one wall of the new junior high science lab at Elba High School. Grants helped science teacher Phillip Smith create this new well-stocked lab. Smith thanks the administration at Elba for allowing him to do this.

Rucker Thrift Store, who awards teacher's grants annually. I was able to raise

more than \$2,000 in grants.

Through these grants I have been able to completely remodel and stock the lab with the materials students need for hands-on project-based learning that all science students need and deserve.

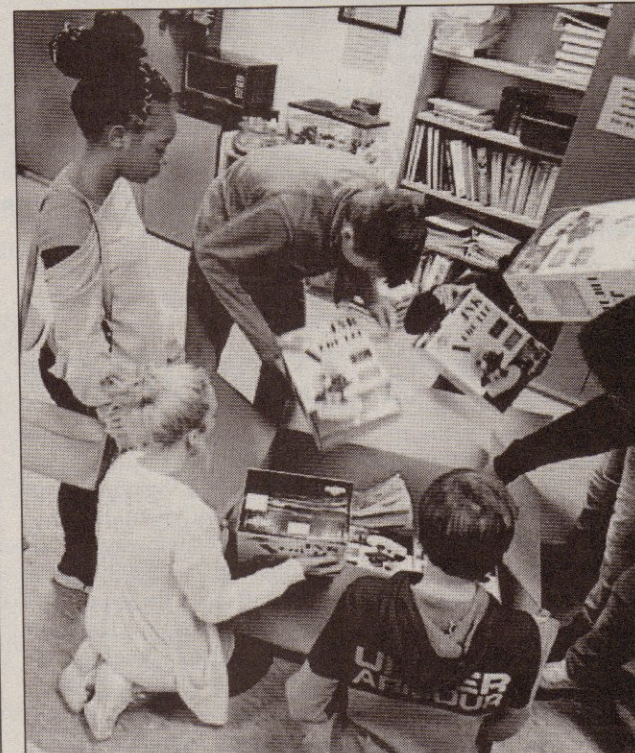
All the walls were painted and then images relating to different lessons were painted on the walls. One wall has the entire periodic table painted on it while other walls have images of animal cells, plant cells. Photosynthesis, DNA structure, and the chemistry of fireworks, just to name a few. Another wall is dedicated to the universe and has the planets and different constellations, like Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Orion, on it that actually glow in the dark. I was also able to stock the lab with materials, like 12 brand new microscopes, lab

stools, butane burners, and 8 lab tables with chalkable tops where students can collect data while performing experiments.

When the students walk in now, they see a new-looking, well stocked lab. They are completely immersed in science and immediately forget about their cell phones and social media.

Students learn best in this environment and at Elba we believe our students deserve the best in order to compete for scholarships and to compete for jobs in any industry they choose.

Many thanks go out to Superintendent Chris Moseley, Principal Wynn Grimes, and Asst. Principal Jason Tucker for supporting my idea and having the faith in me to be creative with the room to give our students the best we can every day.



Above, Junior high science students help teacher Phillip Smith unbox new microscopes for the lab while the photo to the right shows another wall specifically decorated for science education at Elba City Schools.

Three Elba band students chosen for Troy University's SEUS Honor Band

The 46th Annual Troy University SEUS Clinic/Honor Band selected three Elba students to participate this year.

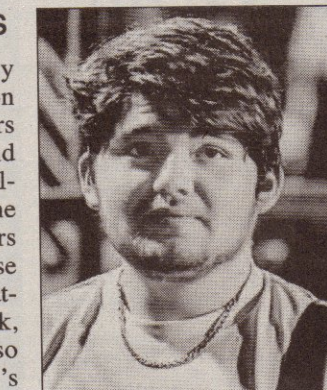
Seniors Jamie Clark and Christopher Gasca and Junior Elizabeth Woodham will receive instruction from internationally recognized musicians and conductors during their participation in this program. They also will get to perform with other high school honor band students. The clinic will be held Jan. 31st - Feb. 2nd. It concludes with a concert featuring the honor band.



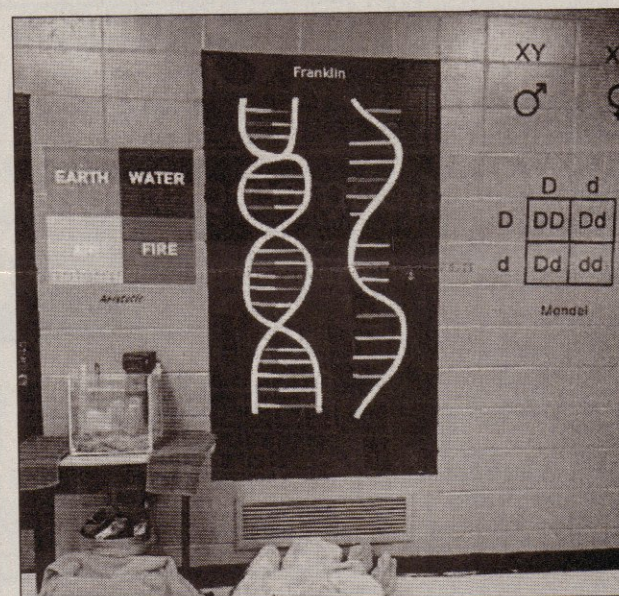
Jamie Clark



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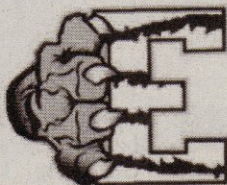
Penalties will be assessed if license is not purchased prior to February 1.

For further information or to purchase a license, please contact

Amy L. Giles at (334) 897-2333.

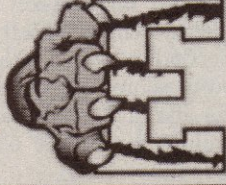
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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was more than ready to head back to school last week after three weeks off for the holidays, and said that he didn't even mind going to bed early. My little man loves school and being around his friends, and hopefully that will continue in the many years to come.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers claimed two wins* in three tries last week and ended the week of road games with a 1-2 area record. The Tigers made it look easy and tuned their big win over Kinston into a slam-dunk and 3-point shooting display, but then watched their offense struggle in Florala and dropped a key area contest after blowing a 13-point first quarter lead. Elba is beginning to shoot a little better from the outside, but had problems last week scoring against zone defenses, and must overcome that problem if it hopes to make a run in the post-season.

*** *The Lady Tigers dropped two of three* games last week on the road and also stand 1-1 in area play. The Elba girls were impressive in a big win over Kinston, but missed 25 of 28 free throw opportunities in a 3-point loss to Florala, and then were simply outscored over the weekend in a wild loss at Arifton. The Lady Tigers must hit their free throws and play four quarters of sound defense if they hope to be around when the post-season party tips off.

*** *All the teams in the area* opened area play last week and there were upsets all across the board. In boys action, Brantley jumped on top the area standings with wins over Florala and Kinston and all of the sudden looks like the team to beat, while Zion Chapel played hard in a tough loss to Samson, and Kinston and New Brockton continued to struggle. Over with the girls, Brantley got knocked off in Florala in a key area clash, while New Brockton continued to improve almost every week out, and Zion Chapel and Kinston can only hope for some late-season magic.

*** *The way too long college football season* came to an end last week Alabama laying an egg in a lopsided loss to Clemson in the national title game. The Tide struggled early, but went ahead 16-14 and gave its fans hope, only to never score again and absorb the worst loss in the Nick Saban area. It was funny to listen to the same sportscasters that called Saban the "greatest" college coach ever over the weekend change their minds and call him senile and lost the day after the loss. I agree the lopsided loss did put a damper on what had been a great season, but believe Saban still wants to break the tie with Bear Bryant for the most national championships ever, and will regroup with a vengeance next season and come out with a chip on his, and his teams' shoulders.

*** *In closing....* the national media converged on Charles Henderson High School last week for the return of Maori Davenport to the Lady Trojan basketball team, and while the previously suspended prep star did return and put on a show, everyone wonders what will happen in the weeks and months to come between the AHSAA and the judge that allowed her to return, pending a hearing. The AHSAA has been challenged before and always came out on top, but this case has drawn nationwide attention and has challenged the state organization like never before. My guess is that it is a long way from being over and there are a lot of interested people all across the state that don't share the same feelings on the matter.



Elba Tigers Dezmion Roberson (1) and Chrystile Caldwell (22) apply pressure to a Kinston Bulldog ball handler in last week's 80-44 area win over the Bulldogs.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Grab key area win

Tigers clobber Kinston 80-44

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 10-0 lead and never looked back last Tuesday night in a big 80-44 area win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in Kinston.

Charvez Hill scored the first points of the game on a short jumper, and when the senior forward scored again with 4:31 left in the first quarter the Tigers lead was up to 10-0 and the rout was on.

Kinston's Jacob Wood ended the Bulldogs scoring drought with 4:19 remaining on a short jumper, but the Tigers kept pouring it on and upped their lead to 18-5 with 1:37 left on a steal and lay up by Richmon Singletary.

Kinston cut the Elba lead to 20-10 on a three-pointer by Cole Sumblin with 12-seconds left on the clock to pump life into the Bulldogs. However, the Tigers again took command and led by the play of Vilee Sams and Alex

Wright opened up a 31-14 bulge with 5:09 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba took its biggest lead of the half at 39-20 with 1:58 left on a three-pointer by Vilee Sams, but Kinston again batted back and behind the play of Hunter Davis and another three-pointer by Sumblin pulled within 39-26 at the half.

The Bulldogs pulled within 39-29 early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by Jacob Wood, but Vilee Sams scored the game's next seven points to push the Elba lead back out to 46-29, and when Charvez Hill scored on a put back with 2:57 left in the quarter the Tigers lead had ballooned to 53-33.

Kinston stopped the Elba run with a three-pointer by Ayden Wallace, but the Tigers just went right back to work and watched as the Elba reserves reeled off eight straight points to open up a 61-35 advantage.

Alex Wright had two

dunks and a put back early in the fourth quarter and Richmon Singletary added a dunk with 5:48 left on the clock to push the Tigers lead to 69-38, and Elba's Alex Wright, Collin Harrison and Iverson Lane all added late three-pointer as the Tigers rolled to the impressive 80-44 win.

Alex Wright scored 19 point and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Elba, while Vilee Sams added 17 points and Charvez Hill scored 10. Cole Sumblin led Kinston with 16 points.

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Elba (80): Hill 10, Ware 2, Medlock 5, Wright 19, Singletary 9, Roberson 2, Caldwell 4, Lane 7, Sams 17, Sanders 2, Harrison 3.

Kinston (44): Wood 14,

Davis 11, Sumblin 16, Wallace 3.

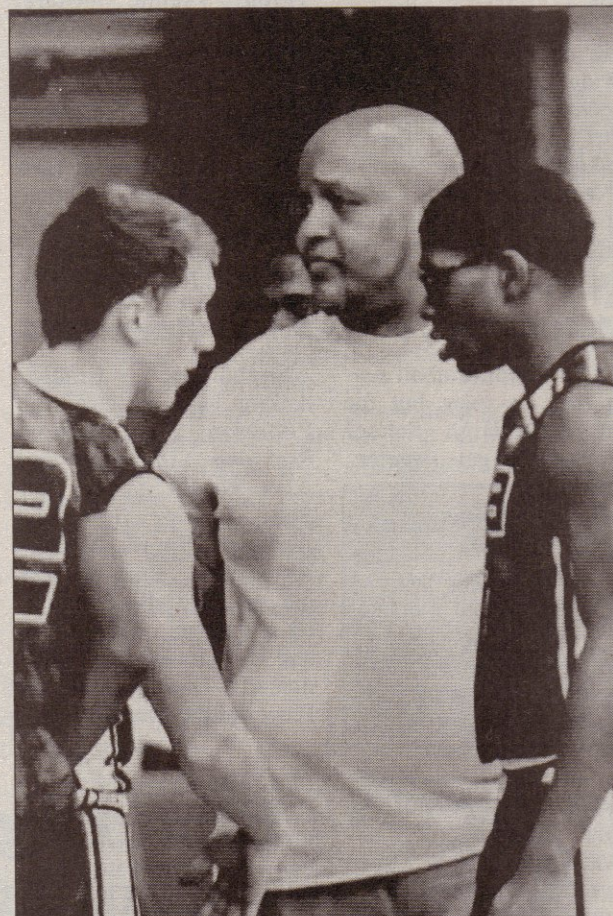
(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers took charge midway through the final stanza to post a hard fought 36-29 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Kinston held a slim 13-12 lead at the half, but the Tigers sneaked ahead 23-22 heading into the fourth quarter and pulled away late to post the win.

Deshaun Jordan scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Hall led Kinston with 14 points.

Elba (36): Thomas 7, Tidwell 6, Carnley 7, Petterson 3, Wise 1, Jordan 10, Coleman 2.

Kinston (29): Davis 1, Hawthorne 3, Hall 14, Lunsford 1, Adkinson 6, Matthews 5, J. Davis 2.



Elba Tiger coach William Moguel talks with Logan Medlock (32) and Collin Harrison (3) during a time out.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba upset at Florala 55-48

The Elba Tigers watched an early 16-3 vanish under a barrage of missed three pointers in a disappointing 55-47 road loss to the Florala Wildcats.

Elba grabbed an early 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Richmon Singletary and pushed its lead to 7-0 with 6:33 left in the opening quarter on a driving lay up by Singletary. Florala got on the scoreboard with 6:02 left to cut the lead to 7-3, but the Tigers bounced back and behind the scoring of Vilee Sams and Singletary helped Elba open up a big 16-3 lead with 2:07 left in the stanza.


Florala scored the first seven points of the second quarter to pull within 19-

14, and while Seth Ware did drain a three-pointer to stop the Wildcat run and put the Tigers on top 22-14, Florala scored the quarter's next nine points to grab a 23-22 lead with 3:37 still left in the stanza.

Richmon Singletary scored a late basket to pull Elba within 25-24 at the half and Vilee Sams scored the first basket of the third quarter to put the Tigers back on top 26-25, but Florala kept battling back and went on top 33-28 with 5:07 left as the Wildcats

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SPORTS

For key area win Lady Tigers dump Kinston 55-37

The Elba Lady Tigers opened area play last Tuesday night with a solid 55-37 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, at Kinston.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-0 lead behind the scoring punch of Amaysia Whitfield and Nina Williams, and while Kinston's Courtney Lunsford did snap the Lady Bulldogs scoring drought with 5:15 left in the quarter, back-to-back three-pointers by Whitfield and Williams pushed the Elba advantage to 13-2 with 3:49 left on the clock.

The Lady Tigers carried a 17-6 lead into the second quarter after a pair of free throws by Jaylin Baker, but Elba couldn't put the Lady

Bulldogs away and still led by eleven points at 25-14 with 3:46 left in the stanza.

Elba's Amaysia Whitfield upped the lead to 27-14 with 3:26 left on a short jumper, and at the half the Lady Tigers went in with a 33-22 advantage.

Kinston cut the Elba lead to 33-24 early in the third quarter on a basket by Bailey Maddox. Elba scored the next six points of the game to up its lead to 39-24 with 5:23 remaining in the quarter, but Kinston again battled back, and despite hitting only 3 of 8 free throw opportunities, got back within 39-29 with 2:21 left on the clock.

A long three-pointer by Amaysia Whitfield sparked

a late 7-0 Elba run that put the Lady Tigers on top 46-29 heading into the final stanza, and the Lady Tigers took their biggest lead at 52-32 with 4:20 left on a free throw by Freeda Hooks as they rolled to the big 55-37 area win.

Amaysia Whitfield and Nina Williams scored 19 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while Courtney Lunsford scored 20 points to lead Kinston.

Elba (55): Whitfield 19, N. Williams 19, Baker 2, M. Williams 4, Hooks 8, Sanders 2, Edwards 1.

Kinston (37): Lunsford 20, Danford 2, Hawthorne 5, Maddox 3, Floyd 2, Musgrove 3, Wyrosdick 2.



THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW.... Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders (25) blocks the shot of a Kinston Lady Bulldog during last week's big area win. (Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Elba outscored by Ariton 68-55

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up in a wild 68-55 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats, Saturday afternoon in Ariton.

Ariton opened the game with a pair of three-pointers to grab an early 6-0 lead, and while the Lady Tigers did close to within 7-4 on a three-point play by Freeda

Hooks, the Lady Cats regained command and opened up a 14-6 lead with 2:59 left in the stanza.

Ariton opened the second quarter with its fourth three-pointer of the night to stretch its lead to 21-12 and went ahead 28-18 midway through the quarter, only to see Elba rally behind the play of Jaylin Baker and Breana Sanders and cut the deficit to 32-24 late in the half.

The Lady Tiger made a run early in the third quarter behind the play of Amaysia Whitfield and Makinna Gray to pull within 43-37 with 4:08 left in the stanza, but missed three free throws to let the opportunity to cut into the deficit even more slip away, and Ariton added a pair of late three-pointers to carry a 51-39 lead into the final stanza.

The two teams went to the free throw line almost non-stop in the fourth quarter and attempted a combined 28 free throws, and while neither team was accurate at the line, the Lady Cats never lost command and despite a late 6-2 Elba run handed the Lady Tigers the 68-55 loss.

Amaysia Whitfield scored 14 points and Nina Williams added 9 to lead Elba, while Zakryia Johnson scored 34 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Ariton.

Ariton (68): Pratt 4, Tomlin 2, Robinson 5, Willoughby 16, Johnson 7, Z. Johnson 34.

Elba (55): N. Williams 9, Gray 3, Whitfield 14, M. Williams 4, Edwards 2, Hooks 4, Sanders 6, Baker 7, Lindsey 5.



Elba Lady Tiger Amaysia Whitfield (10) fires up a three-pointer in last week's key area win over Kinston. (Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Free throw woes doom Lady Tigers in 44-41 area loss to Lady Wildcats

The Elba Lady Tigers battled from the opening tip until the final buzzer Friday night in Florala against the sixth-ranked Florala Lady Wildcats, but couldn't overcome a miserable 3 for 28 performance at the free-throw line as they slipped to 1-1 in area play with a 44-41 road loss.

Elba grabbed a quick 2-0 lead on a driving lay up by Nina Williams and led 4-2 with 4:30 remaining in the opening quarter after a basket by Breana Sanders, but watched as Florala closed the quarter on a 14-4 run to carry a 16-8 lead into the second stanza.

The Lady Tigers came out on fire in the second quarter and led by the scoring punch of Amaysia Whitfield and Nina Williams rallied to pull even at 16-16 with 3:57 remaining in the stanza.

Elba missed all six free throw opportunities in the closing minutes of the half; however, and at intermission Florala had managed to regain command and open up a 27-22 lead.

The Lady Tigers came out determined in the third quarter and behind the play of Jaylin Baker and a three-pointer by Amaysia Whitfield regained the lead at 29-27 with 5:01 left in the quarter.

Elba took its biggest lead at 31-27 on a basket by Melissa Williams with 42-seconds left on the clock, but Florala ended the quarter with a three-pointer and opened the fourth quarter with another three-pointer to move back on top 33-31.

The Lady Wildcats lead grew to 39-31 with 3:33 left on the clock, but a basket by Jaylin Baker with 2:53 remaining ended the



Elba Lady Tiger Nina Williams (3) drives to the basket in last week's 44-41 area loss to Florala. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

five-minute scoring drought, and with 1:09 left the Lady Tigers pulled even at 40-40 on a basket by Amaysia Whitfield.

Florala converted a three-point play with 35-seconds left to take a 43-40 lead, and this time the Lady Tigers failed to recover as they dropped the 44-41 decision.

Amaysia Whitfield

scored 11 points and Melissa Williams added 8 to lead Elba, while Sharae Coleman scored 11 points for Florala.

Florala (44): Parker 9, Kemp 6, Coleman 11, M. Parker 5, Wright 2, Hadley 8, Mount 3.

Elba (41): N. Williams 5, Whitfield 11, M. Williams 8, Hooks 7, Sanders 4, Baker 6.

High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Rebels knocked off by Samson 59-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a hard fought 59-47 battle to the Samson Tigers. Bailey Deal scored 15 points and Aaron Senn added 13 to lead the Rebels, while Sidney Cox scored 17 points and Hayden McCoy added 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Tigers.

Brantley Bulldogs surprise Florala 67-65

Parker Driggers hit a shot at the buzzer to lift the Brantley Bulldogs to an important 67-65 area win over the Florala Wildcats. Tucker Kilcrease scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Driggers added 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Brantley Bulldogs blast Kinston 57-39

The Brantley Bulldogs grabbed an area win with a 57-39 victory over the Kinston Bulldogs. Tucker Kilcrease scored 17 points to lead Brantley.

GIRLS:

Zion Chapel slammed by Samson 49-18

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were no match for the third-ranked Samson Lady Tigers and dropped a 49-18 decision. Lexi Rugg scored 10 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Michelle Duff scored 19 points and 8 steals to lead the Lady Tigers.

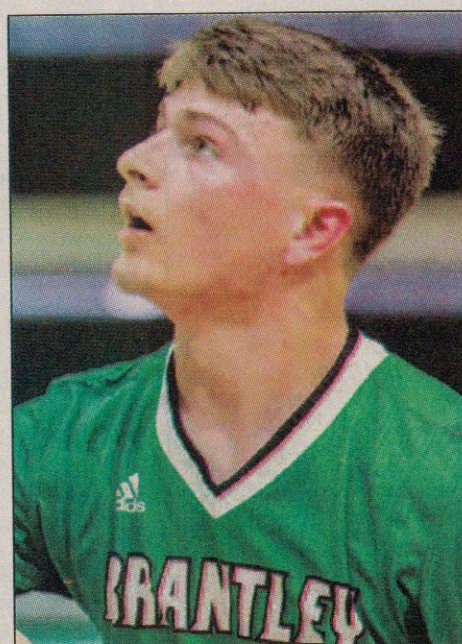
Lady Bulldogs flattened by Florala 54-36

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell to the

Florala Lady Wildcats 54-36 in a key area match-up. Olivia Jones scored 18 points and Gabby Perkins added 9 to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Bulldogs stroll past Kinston 57-27

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 57-27 area win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Olivia Jones and Jamayaia McCreary both scored 15 points to lead Brantley.



Brantley Bulldog Parker Driggers hit the game winner over Florala for a key area win. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

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began to take control.

The Wildcats lead went to 40-30 with 1:35 left in the quarter and it loo9ked like they were pulling away, but the Tigers fought back and cut the lead to 40-34 heading into the final stanza after four late points by Richmon Singletary.

Florala went back up by eight at 44-36 with 5:11 remaining on the clock, and while Elba did get as close as 49-47 with 45-seconds left on a driving lay up by Seth Ware, Florala hit 4 of 4 free throws in the closing seconds to hold on and hand the Tigers the 55-47 defeat.

Richmon Singletary scored 18 points and Vilee Sams added 13 to lead Elba.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SUTTON

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oath of office, and I can't think of a better way for me finish."

With his wife Debbie holding the Bible for Sutton to place his left hand as he raised his right, he accepted the oath to "faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of Sheriff of Coffee County to be best of his abilities."

After accepting this oath, Sutton said he was very proud of the citizens of Coffee County for electing him to a fourth term in office.

"I could not have done it without a lot of help," he said. "I'm so proud to be able to do this."

Sutton said he was proud of the county commissioners he has worked with over his years in office.

"They saw the need and supported me, and they continue to support me today," he said.

Further, the sheriff said he could not say enough about the entire staff that works for Coffee County. He said he feels Coffee County has some of the best people working for it that could be found.

"I've had a lot of good support from a lot of good

people," he said.

Coffee County Commission chairman Dean Smith also spoke at the oath of office ceremony for Sutton, and he said together, with cooperation, the commissioners and sheriff had found a way to build and acquire the things necessary to protect the people of Coffee County. He said he was very proud of this relationship.

"We have a great group of people in Coffee County, and a great group of elected officials working for the common good of the people of this county," Smith said.

In his concluding remarks, Sutton said as of Monday morning, 11 officers had been killed in the line of duty in the nation in just a few weeks time.

"I hope I never, never have to make that phone call or go in person to tell someone they've had a family member killed or even injured," he said.

He finished with, "Folks, we might see you again in four years. I'm still in pretty good dog-gone health."

The ceremony ended with the sheriff administering the oath of office to his certified officers.



Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton (left) is shown administering the oath of office to his certified officers within the sheriff's department Monday morning, Jan. 14, during a swearing-in ceremony held in New Brockton. The program began with Sutton accepting his oath of office for a fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County and concluded with him administering the oath of office to his deputies. Judge Tom Head administered the oath of office for the sheriff.

PATENT

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impacted tooth. He said this is usually done via an elastic thread or rubber band.

"The problem is this old technique is inefficient, uncomfortable, and costly," Coleman said.

He said the force levels from the elastic thread can be extremely high, causing patient discomfort and potential damage to the impacted tooth or the teeth around it. Also, the force level from the elastic thread droops quickly over a couple of weeks, which he said requires the patient to return to his/her orthodontist for multiple uncomfortable reactivations.

"The Isoglide eruption spring is completely different," Coleman said. "It utilizes a nickel-titanium coil spring to put low, constant pressure on the impacted tooth, and it requires little to no reactivation to bring the impacted tooth into the mouth."

He further explained the low, constant force of the spring drastically improves the efficiency of tooth movement, bringing the tooth in much faster than traditional methods. Also, he said the patient's comfort is improved and appointments with the orthodontist for reactivations of the spring are either eliminated or drastically reduced.

"It's a win for both the patient and the orthodontist," Coleman said. "I started making this device myself in my office about 10 years ago, and I started the process of applying for a U.S. Patent in 2014."

A 1993 graduate of Elba High School, Coleman went to college at the University of Alabama and dental school in Birmingham at the UAB School of Dentistry. He then completed his orthodontic residency at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Coleman is in private practice of orthodontics in



Dr. Grant Coleman is shown here with his family - wife, Katie, and children Thomas, James, and Caroline. Grant is the son of the late Nelda Coleman of Elba, and the late Gerry Coleman of Montgomery, Ala.

Charlotte, N.C. where he and his partner have two offices [Hull and Coleman Orthodontics].

Delivering orthodontic treatment to children, teens and adults, Coleman said, "In a nutshell, my job is to primarily align teeth, create a beautiful smile, and establish an ideal bite for my patients. It's a lot of fun, and I enjoy my work tremendously."

That can be qualified through his desire of going through the long process of receiving a U.S. Patent for the Isoglide so that it could benefit not only his patients, but also patients all around the world.

Coleman said it is quite a process to be awarded a Patent.

"I had to write the background of my invention and the reasoning behind it," he said. "I then had to hire a patent attorney to represent me and present the application for my device to the United States Patent and Trademark Office [USPTO]."

Next, he said his application was reviewed by a patent evaluator at the

USPTO who compared it with other existing patents to determine if his invention was unique. The evaluator and his attorney went back and forth arguing and counter-arguing in defense of his device. Coleman said the USPTO evaluator ultimately concluded whether or not his device deserved to be granted a patent.

"In this case he finally did," he said. "The whole process from first application to final granting of the patent took five years."

Coleman said he is hopeful the Isoglide will have an impact on the field of orthodontics and help not just his patients but also patients across the country and world.

"I decided to make this device about 10 years ago when I got frustrated with the inefficiency of the current methods of correcting impacted teeth," he said. "I decided I'd try to do something about it, and that's how the Isoglide spring was born. Finally getting the official patent just

gives me a feeling of accomplishment because it took a lot of time and effort to get."

As for the future of the Isoglide, Dr. Coleman said he is in the process of working with a medical device manufacturing company to produce his device on a larger scale.

"My hope is to offer it for sale to orthodontists all around the world so they can use it to help their patients," he said. "It should be available for purchase this coming summer."

Grant is the son of the late Nelda Coleman of Elba and the late Gerry Coleman of Montgomery, Ala. He and his wife, Katie, have been married for 17 years, and they have three children - Thomas, age 13; James, age 11; and Caroline, age 7.

He also noted that he still has several family members who live in the Elba area, including his aunt Myrna Cotton, along with several cousins and extended family.

Sheriff's Department arrests suspect after overnight search in Basin area

A search by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department ended Monday, Jan. 15, with the arrest of the subject being sought by officials.

Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said the office received several complaints Sunday, Jan. 13, from the Basin area of Coffee County regarding a subject being seen that had been wanted by law enforcement for approximately one week. With these complaints, he said the search intensified.

After multiple sightings into Monday afternoon, the search was narrowed to a specific area where a Sheriff Deputy K9 picked up a

scent, according to Whitworth. The K9 was deployed into a wooded area and tracked the subject.

Gauge Hunter Hudson, age 21, of 111 Ellis Road, Opp, Ala., was located by the K9 deputy in a barn where Whitworth said the Hudson was wearing only a shirt, jacket and underwear [he had on no pants or shoes at the time he was taken into custody].

"Mr. Hudson had been out in the cold and wet weather overnight," Whitworth said. "He was transported to Medical Center Enterprise, treated and released to the Coffee County Jail."

Hudson was arrested on five felony warrants and one misdemeanor warrant.



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